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SUBJ: LIBYAN-CHAD RELATIONS

1. FRENCH LEMONDE REPORTER IN TOWN FOR FIRST OF SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION GAVE EMBASSY ACCOUNT OF RECENT TRIP INTO TIBESTI REGION OF CHAD FOR MEETING WITH REBEL LEADER GOUKNOUNI. TRIP WAS ARRANGED BY LIBYANS AND TOOK PLACE JUST BEFORE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES WITH EGYPT.

2. LEMONDE REPORTER GUEYRAS SAID HE AND TW COLLEAGUES WERE FLOWN FROM SEBHA TO AOUZOU, CHAD, IN SMALL CESSNA-TYPE AIRCRAFT. PLANE LANDED ON UNIMPROVED STRIP IN AOUZOU WHERE REPORTER CLAIMS SAW LITTLE EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN PRESENCE IN AREA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BLEAK AND DESOLATE. HE ASSERTED THERE WAS NO AIRPORT IN REGION CAPABLE OF HANDLING LARGE AIRCRAFT. FROM AOUZOU GROUP WAS TRANSPORTED BY LAND ROVER TO GOUKNOUNI CAMP FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF INTERVIEWS WHICH WERE LATER PUBLISHED IN PARIS.

3. REPORTER CLAIMS GOUKNOUNI TOOK ANTI-LIBYAN STANCE
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AND DENOUNCED LIBYAN CLAIMS TO AREA. ACCORDING TO LEMONDE REPORTER, GOUKNOUNI WAS IN TRIPOLI DURING FIRST OF SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION BUT WAS NOT INVITED TO PARTICIPATE OFFICIALLY SINCE GOVERNMENT OF CHAD HAD SENT DELEGATION.

4. EMBASSY UNABLE JUDGE GUEYRAS RELIABILITY AS REPORTER,

BUT HE SEEMED WELL INFORMED ON REGION AND ARABIC
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